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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Weekly Report of the Office of Training
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1. Government Employees Training Act/ Domestic Travel

At the request of [REDACTED] Chief, Central Travel Branch, Ben

[REDACTED] met with him and representatives from O/PPB and the Clandestine Services on 6 July to discuss domestic travel vis-a-vis the Government Employees Training Act. This meeting was the direct result of several pending cases in O/DDS; Harry

[REDACTED] evidently submitted them to [REDACTED] for comment and review.

[REDACTED] has been watching this problem of students moving for training purposes since the "new" Moving Bill was interpreted in the Agency in March with the BOB disallowing about 80 per cent of the new benefits when travel is performed under GETA. [REDACTED] has recently submitted a memorandum to OGC asking for rulings on approval authorities for those traveling for training purposes rather than operational reasons.

Recently there have been cases where an individual has requested that he be assigned to approved training programs on a TDY rather than a PCS basis. Such a request normally has required DD/S approval. [REDACTED]

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feels that under existing regulations [REDACTED] the Director of Training has authority to approve such requests. In fact in [REDACTED] opinion it is more desirable and quite legal to write TDY travel orders vice PCS orders on long term trainees, limiting allowances to a pre-established level, leaving the option of how these funds are expended to the discretion of the employee. This would minimize the number of ad hoc decisions that OTR would be required to make and result in over-all financial savings to the Agency without seriously affecting the employees' out-of-pocket costs. [REDACTED] has informally discussed this idea with Charlie [REDACTED] and with Office of Finance personnel who agree to its merits. The representatives from O/PPB and the Clandestine Services who attended this meeting agreed in general with the concept. We believe such a procedure would reduce administrative time and result in over-all savings. At the present time the proposal is in an exploratory stage; we hope it will develop into specific recommendations.

2. July 1967 CT Class

CT Class No. 36 started on 10 July with a net enrollment of 91. An additional 17 EODs who have a military service obligation will be entered in the Air Force and Army programs and, pending departure for Officer Training Schools, will serve in temporary work assignments.

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3. Changes in Logistics Instruction

25X1A9a [REDACTED] has been making extensive changes in the Logistics phases of the Field Finance and Logistics Course and the Support Services Course for CTs. These changes have been in the direction of highly increased student involvement through a series of practical problem solving situations. 25X1A9a [REDACTED] has tailored the problems to approximate as closely as possible the field duties of the trainees, thus giving them practical experience. The methodology is actually a form of programmed instruction. The result of these efforts has been to shorten the instruction by about one day and to heighten student interest through increased student participation.

4. Senior Officer School Program

The written critiques submitted by 16 of the 22 officers who took the three-day Special Senior Officer School Program, which ran from 27 through 29 June, indicated unanimous approval of both the concept and the content of the program. Among suggested additions to the program were more coverage of the Clandestine Services and more coverage of the Agency's role in Vietnam and other critical world areas. The NIPA students -- included in this program for the first time -- suggested a separate session devoted to guidance on behavior in a critical or hostile environment.

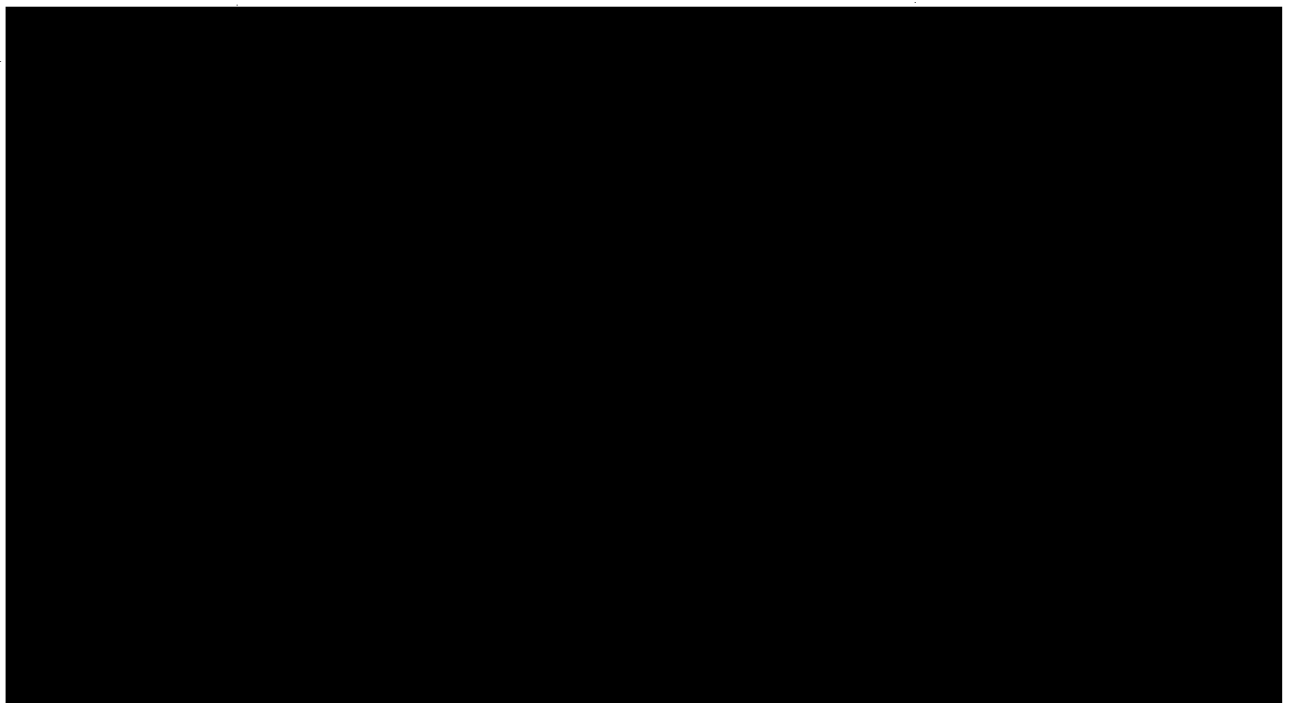
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5. DIS Attache Course

The program just concluded at Headquarters for members of the present Attache class was received admirably. Never have so many of an Attache group mentioned how meaningful the presentations were. Two who had also attended the NIS were particularly appreciative that there was no duplication and that the briefings were tailored to their Attache needs.

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Insurgency"; b) the newly appointed Ambassador to Paraguay, the Honorable Benigno C. Hernandez, on the Agency's responsibilities in the USIB and to the President; c) 70 students attending the Associate Military Intelligence Officers Career Course at Fort Holabird on the Agency's responsibilities at the White House and USIB levels.

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